

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of producing hollow bodies (H) of plastic by stretch-blow molding heated ~~parison~~ parisons (V), where the parisons are inspected and defective parisons are sorted out, the method comprising:

inspecting the parisons (V) before ~~being heated~~, heating the parisons;
heating ~~at least some of the defective~~ the parisons (V) which can be transported; and
sorting out at least some [[the]] defective parisons (V) ~~only~~ after heating the parisons
~~being heated~~.

2. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1, ~~and~~ wherein sorting out at least some defective parisons after heating the parisons comprises sorting out ~~after being heated~~ the defective parisons (V) which can be mounted on holding mandrels ~~heated with no problem, and sorting out even before being heated~~ the defective parisons (V) which pose ~~problems in heating~~.

3. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, ~~and~~ wherein sorting out at least some defective parisons after heating the parisons comprises sorting out ~~after being heated~~ the defective parisons (V) having a slightly oval mouth, ~~and sorting out before being heated~~ the defective parisons (V) with a markedly oval or constricted mouth.

4. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, ~~and wherein the further comprising sorting out~~ acceptable parisons (V)₁ which are adjacent to a gap created by sorting out a defective parison (V) before being heated, ~~are sorted out~~ after being heated.

5. (Currently amended) A device for producing hollow bodies (H) from plastic by stretch-blow molding heated parisons (V), the device comprising:
a heating station (2),
a ~~downstream~~ blow molding station (1) that is situated downstream of the heating station,
an ~~upstream~~ inspection station (3) that is situated upstream of the heating station, and
a first sorting station (4) which is controllable by the inspection station (3), the first sorting station ~~[[is]]~~ situated between the heating station (2) and the blow molding station (1) for sorting out defective parisons (V).

6. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 5, ~~[[and]]~~ further comprising
a second ~~an additional~~ sorting station (5) which is also controllable by the inspection station (3), the second sorting station ~~[[is]]~~ situated between the inspection station (3) and the heating station (2) for sorting out defective parisons (V).

7. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 6, wherein the inspection station (3) ~~[[has]]~~ comprises an analyzer device (3) which differentiates between defective parisons (V) having one of a defect-free or only a slightly oval mouth ~~on the one hand~~ and defective parisons (V') having one of a markedly oval or constricted mouth ~~on the other hand,~~ wherein ~~[[and]]~~ the analyzer device ~~causing~~ causes the second sorting station to sort out the defective parisons (V) having a markedly oval or constructed mouth ~~to be sorted out before the heating station (2) while they are in the additional sorting station.~~

8. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim, 5, wherein the inspection station (3) is situated at an intake star wheel (7) which is situated upstream from the heating station (2) and wherein the sorting station (4) is situated at a transfer star wheel (8) which is situated ~~located~~ between the heating station (2) and the blow molding station (1).

9. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 8, ~~and an additional~~ further comprising a third sorting station (5) ~~[[is]]~~ located at the intake star wheel (7).

10. (New) The method according to claim 2, further comprising sorting out defective parisons (V) which cannot be mounted on holding mandrels before heating the parisons.

11. (New) The method according to claim 10, wherein sorting out defective parisons (V) which cannot be mounted on holding mandrels before heating the parisons comprises sorting out defective parisons with a markedly oval or constricted mouth.